

REMARKS

Claims 31-39 and 50-59 are pending. Claims 50-54 are rejected. Claims 50-54 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 55 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter. The present office action indicates that Claims 31-39 and 55-59 are allowable.

35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejections

Claims 50-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Howe, U.S. Patent No. 6,611,519, in view of Gridley, U.S. Patent No. 6,522,656, further in view of Shimonishi, U.S. Patent No. 6,173,332.

Claims 50-54 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot, and request that it be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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